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1. GENERAL.

This bulletin, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947, for the month of April, 1949, and the ten months ended April, 1949. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit.

Special Benefit is paid in cases of hardship where the claimant is not qualified for either of the other benefits.

The number of "persons on benefit" relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are excluded.

Admittances and exits in Sections 5, 7 and 8 refer to those notified during the period shown and not to those which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the later months being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID.

Benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State in April, 1949, and the ten months ended April, 1949, are shown in the following table.

I. AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING APRIL, 1949, AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1949 - STATES

State	Benefits paid during April, 1949.				Benefits paid during ten months ended April, 1949.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
N.S.W.(a)	1,532	24,163	6,442	32,137	18,731	260,556	37,808	317,095
Victoria	117	17,979	8,014	26,110	2,118	168,257	34,477	204,852
Queensland	19,766	16,270	1,453	37,489	82,886	102,817	8,360	194,063
S. Aust.(b)	Cr. 92	5,847	303	6,058	302	65,158	3,137	68,597
W.Australia	549	5,192	272	6,013	9,265	52,591	4,770	66,626
Tasmania	190	3,098	349	3,637	2,652	33,034	3,060	38,746
TOTAL :	22,062	72,549	16,833	111,444	115,954	682,413	91,612	889,979

3. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

The following table shows for each State, the number of persons admitted to each class of benefit and the number whose benefits were discontinued during the ten months ended April, 1949.

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1949 - STATES.

State	Persons							
	Claims admitted - ten months ended April, 1949.				Benefits discontinued - ten months ended April, 1949.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W.(a)	2,056	21,573	6,321	29,950	2,163	21,591	5,404	29,158
Victoria	236	13,749	6,052	20,037	277	13,114	4,736	18,127
Queensland	7,703	9,032	336	17,071	7,321	8,905	318	16,544
S. Aust.(b)	95	5,639	124	5,858	95	5,711	134	5,940
W.Australia	779	5,187	918	6,884	896	5,139	582	6,617
Tasmania	94	2,321	118	2,533	94	2,326	98	2,518
TOTAL :	10,963	57,501	13,869	82,333	10,846	56,786	11,272	78,904

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1947-48 and for the months April, 1948 to April, 1949, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

III. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT - AUSTRALIA.

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
<u>CLAIMS ADMITTED</u>									
Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947-48	27,275	1,387	53,947	15,539	3,998	1,328	85,220	18,254	103,474
1948 -									
April	1,386	112	3,906	1,171	115	43	5,407	1,326	6,733
May	1,005	69	5,300	1,543	1,434	263	7,739	1,875	9,614
June	743	37	4,044	1,097	97	36	4,884	1,170	6,054
July	799	69	6,595	1,774	848	265	8,242	2,108	10,350
August	571	55	4,737	1,335	147	61	5,455	1,451	6,906
September	542	60	4,500	1,214	722	159	5,764	1,433	7,197
October	939	51	5,169	1,515	1,288	102	7,396	1,668	9,064
November	973	61	4,074	1,210	2,051	456	7,098	1,727	8,825
December	972	36	3,333	938	100	51	4,405	1,025	5,430
1949 -									
January	2,013	64	4,468	1,260	1,271	140	7,752	1,464	9,216
February (a)	1,452	58	3,977	1,216	404	69	5,833	1,343	7,176
March (a)	1,148	48	3,927	1,146	1,644	228	6,719	1,422	8,141
April (a)	992	60	4,007	1,106	3,470	393	8,469	1,559	10,028
<u>DISCONTINUANCES</u>									
Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947-48	31,538	1,494	53,785	15,244	3,731	1,102	89,054	17,840	106,894
1948 -									
April	4,585	308	3,856	1,126	155	206	8,596	1,640	10,236
May	2,081	97	5,083	1,538	690	125	7,854	1,760	9,614
June	971	57	4,034	1,151	649	99	5,654	1,307	6,961
July	1,321	74	6,099	1,732	646	176	8,066	1,982	10,048
August	625	52	4,554	1,272	448	143	5,627	1,467	7,094
September	746	62	4,629	1,254	250	80	5,625	1,396	7,021
October	802	76	5,429	1,563	1,404	159	7,635	1,798	9,433
November	1,012	44	4,145	1,188	1,373	266	6,530	1,498	8,028
December	501	50	3,421	978	1,142	214	5,064	1,242	6,306
1949 -									
January	1,436	61	4,096	1,259	669	90	6,201	1,410	7,611
February (a)	1,183	59	3,862	1,080	668	98	5,713	1,237	6,950
March (a)	1,128	53	3,790	1,061	1,078	191	5,996	1,305	7,301
April (a)	1,509	52	4,190	1,184	1,953	224	7,652	1,460	9,112
<u>PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH</u>									
1946 - June	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
1947 - June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
1948 -									
April	3,022	168	7,199	2,563	266	416	10,487	3,147	13,634
May	1,946	140	7,416	2,568	1,010	556	10,372	3,264	13,636
June	1,718	120	7,426	2,514	458	491	9,602	3,125	12,727
July	1,196	115	7,922	2,556	660	580	9,778	3,251	13,029
August	1,142	118	8,105	2,619	359	498	9,606	3,235	12,841
September	938	116	7,976	2,579	831	577	9,745	3,272	13,017
October	1,075	91	7,716	2,531	715	520	9,506	3,142	12,648
November	1,036	108	7,645	2,553	1,393	710	10,074	3,371	13,445
December	1,507	94	7,557	2,513	351	547	9,415	3,154	12,569
1949 -									
January	2,084	96	7,929	2,514	953	597	10,966	3,207	14,173
February (a)	2,353	96	8,044	2,650	689	568	11,086	3,314	14,400
March (a)	2,373	90	8,181	2,735	1,255	605	11,809	3,430	15,239
April (a)	1,856	99	7,998	2,657	2,772	774	12,626	3,530	16,156

(a) Subject to revision

(1) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during April, 1949, and the ten months ended April, 1949, is shown in the following table:-

IV. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING APRIL, 1949, AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1949 - AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	Persons							
	April, 1949				Ten Months ended April, 1949			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	177	368	14	559	1,589	4,720	504	6,813
1 and under 2	206	763	24	993	1,991	7,941	1,898	11,830
2 " " 3	192	772	403	1,367	1,464	7,343	2,812	11,619
3 " " 4	116	751	825	1,692	987	6,534	2,115	9,636
4 " " 5	95	589	724	1,408	703	4,971	1,524	7,203
5 " " 9	373	1,289	146	1,808	1,870	11,720	1,578	15,168
9 " " 13	259	619	34	912	885	5,265	311	6,461
13 " " 27	176	593	40	809	905	5,756	345	7,006
27 and over	36	276	9	321	447	2,536	185	3,168
TOTAL :	1,630	6,020	2,219	9,869	10,846	56,786	11,272	78,904

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during April, 1949, and the ten months ended April, 1949, the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

V. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING APRIL, 1949 AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1949 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	April, 1949				Ten months ended April, 1949			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and over	2.21	4.58	0.40	3.25	4.12	4.46	1.64	4.02
13 " "	13.01	14.43	2.21	11.45	12.46	14.60	4.70	12.89
9 " "	28.89	24.72	3.74	20.69	20.62	23.87	7.46	21.08
5 " "	51.78	46.13	10.32	39.01	37.86	44.51	21.46	40.30
4 " "	57.61	55.91	42.95	53.28	44.39	53.26	34.98	49.43
3 " "	64.72	68.38	80.13	70.42	53.49	64.77	53.74	61.64
2 " "	76.50	81.21	98.29	84.28	66.99	77.71	78.69	76.36
1 " "	89.14	93.88	99.37	94.34	85.35	91.69	95.53	91.36
Less than 1	10.86	6.12	0.63	5.66	14.65	8.31	4.47	8.64

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during April, 1949, and the ten months ended April, 1949, are shown below:-

VI. REASONS FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING APRIL, 1949 AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1949 : AUSTRALIA.

Reasons for Cessation	April, 1949				Ten Months ended April, 1949			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	756	46.38	3,573	59.35	6,011	55.42	33,957	59.81
Incapacity Terminated	-	-	1,873	31.11	-	-	15,506	27.30
Failure to report (a)	764	46.88	61	1.01	3,842	35.42	2,224	3.92
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	34	2.09	43	.71	340	3.14	382	.67
Statutory age limit (b)	6	.37	7	.12	45	.42	100	.18
Permanent incapacity (c)	17	1.03	236	3.92	136	1.25	2,190	3.86
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance	-	-	1	.02	3	.03	27	.05
Death	-	-	66	1.10	7	.06	823	1.45
Transfer to another district	14	.86	81	1.35	148	1.36	745	1.31
Other	39	2.39	79	1.31	314	2.90	832	1.45
TOTAL :	1,630	100.00	6,020	100.00	10,846	100.00	56,786	100.00

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension. (c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pension.

6. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH APRIL, 1949.

Total Persons (i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 30th April, 1949, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 61 per 10,000 comprising 7 unemployment, 41 sickness and 13 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females:-

VII. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH APRIL, 1949.

PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.

Sex	Proportion	Number on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	Per 10,000 Males	10	41	14	65
Females	Per 10,000 Females	1	37	11	49
Persons	Per 10,000 Persons	7	41	13	61

(ii) State Totals : The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 30th April, 1949:-

VIII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH APRIL, 1949 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
N.S.W. (a)	210	22	2,840	936	1,143	275	4,193	1,233	5,426
Victoria	19	6	2,262	879	1,203	283	3,484	1,168	4,652
Queensland	1,493	62	1,266	338	64	70	2,823	470	3,293
S. Aust. (b)	17	3	665	203	10	26	692	232	924
W. Australia	91	4	613	211	343	58	1,047	273	1,320
Tasmania	26	2	352	90	9	62	387	154	541
Total 30th April, 1949.	1,856	99	7,998	2,657	2,772	774	12,626	3,530	16,156
Total 24th April, 1948	3,022	168	7,199	2,563	266	416	10,487	3,147	13,634

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 30th April, 1949, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

IX. AGE OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH APRIL, 1949 : AUSTRALIA.

Age Group (as at 31st Dec. 1948)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
16 - 19 years	75	26	583	592	136	104	794	722	1,516
20 - 24 years	162	33	934	574	473	88	1,569	695	2,264
25 - 29 "	176	8	658	298	644	72	1,478	378	1,856
30 - 34 "	161	6	637	206	442	66	1,240	278	1,518
35 - 39 "	181	7	707	211	422	98	1,310	316	1,626
40 - 44 "	170	4	751	201	298	88	1,219	293	1,512
45 - 49 "	216	11	870	248	117	119	1,203	378	1,581
50 - 54 "	220	2	906	191	27	60	1,153	253	1,406
55 - 59 "	237	2	1,007	130	8	58	1,252	190	1,442
60 years and over	258	-	945	6	205	21	1,408	27	1,435
TOTAL :	1,856	99	7,998	2,657	2,772	774	12,626	3,530	16,156

7. UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING APRIL, 1949, AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1949. AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH APRIL, 1949.

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during April, 1949, and the ten months ended April, 1949, and by those who were on benefit at 30th April, 1949.

Discharge and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which are made by initiative of the employee.

X. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING APRIL, 1949. AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1949 - AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admissions during -				On Benefit	
	April, 1949		Ten Months ended April, 1949		30th April, 1949	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Discharged or laid-off -						
Disciplinary reasons ..	13	3	159	6	14	1
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness	41	6	394	26	53	5
Power rationing ..	-	1	28	2	2	3
Shortage of materials ..	29	-	1,014	36	46	3
Strikes and lockouts ..	70	-	273	3	30	-
Seasonal Work ..	217	2	3,009	18	757	8
Casual work ..	236	7	1,584	38	272	7
Other, including inadequately defined	211	13	1,831	170	287	16
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness, work too heavy	157	16	1,212	177	254	34
Other, including inadequately defined	88	12	679	59	94	13
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	15	-	153	6	34	3
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	2	-	21	1	4	-
Other ..	6	3	44	20	9	6
TOTAL	1,085	63	10,401	562	1,856	99

(ii) Industrial groups: The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during April, 1949, and the ten months ended April, 1949, and of those on benefit at 30th April, 1949.

XI. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING APRIL, 1949 AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1949 - AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	April, 1949		Ten Months ended April, 1949		30th April 1949	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	241	1	1,918	3	554	-
Other Primary Production ..	24	-	134	-	29	-
Coal Mining ..	30	-	328	-	9	-
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	22	-	143	-	22	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (including Shipbuilding) ..	82	2	1,233	20	119	3
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	14	-	125	1	12	-
Textiles and articles of dress ..	8	3	85	57	10	6
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	142	6	2,107	47	411	15
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	44	-	267	1	50	-
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	34	3	359	16	54	3
Building and Construction ..	172	-	1,313	-	217	-
Transport and Communication ..	60	4	508	16	72	2
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	83	6	840	107	122	11
Finance and Property ..	7	-	63	-	8	-
Public Administration and Professional	46	8	423	68	62	9
Personal and Domestic Service ..	62	29	480	202	88	43
Other ..	14	1	75	24	17	7
TOTAL :	1,085	63	10,401	562	1,856	99

(iii) Males on Benefit: Distribution by States of Males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 30th April, 1949, in the main industrial groups, is shown in the following table:-

XII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 30TH APRIL, 1949.
STATES.

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	30	2	510	-	6	6	554
Other Primary Production ..	1	1	27	-	-	-	29
Coal Mining ..	6	-	2	-	-	1	9
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	3	-	14	-	5	-	22
Factories and Industrial - Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (including Shipbuilding) ..	64	-	33	11	10	1	119
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	2	1	6	1	1	1	12
Textiles, and articles of dress ..	2	-	7	-	1	-	10
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	8	1	397	-	3	2	411
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	8	2	36	-	3	1	50
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	13	-	34	1	6	-	54
Building and Construction ..	27	1	163	2	19	5	217
Transport and Communication ..	11	4	46	-	9	2	72
Commerce and Finance - Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	16	1	90	2	11	2	122
Finance and Property ..	2	-	6	-	-	-	8
Public Administration and Professional ..	9	1	42	-	8	2	62
Personal and Domestic Service ..	8	4	65	-	9	2	88
Other ..	-	1	15	-	-	1	17
TOTAL - 30TH APRIL, 1949.	210	19	1,493	17	91	26	1,856
TOTAL - 24TH APRIL, 1948.	269	53	2,475	21	184	20	3,022

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the ten months ended April, 1949 and the persons on benefit at 30th April, 1949, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

XIII. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a): STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the Ten Months ended April 1949				On Benefit at 30th April 1949			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
New South Wales (b)	332	12	1,585	127	66	1	144	21
Victoria	51	21	155	9	5	3	14	3
Queensland	1,419	110	5,936	238	174	17	1,319	45
South Australia (c)	44	5	45	1	7	3	10	-
Western Australia	611	19	133	16	75	3	16	1
Tasmania	57	2	33	2	18	1	8	1
TOTAL :	2,514	169	7,887	393	345	28	1,511	71

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Department of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan". (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

8. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING APRIL, 1949 AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1949, AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH APRIL, 1949.

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefit claims whose admission was notified during the ten months ended April, 1949, and those current at 30th April, 1949 are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

XIV. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES

State	Claims admitted during the ten months ended April, 1949				On Benefit at 30th April, 1949			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	10,044	3,616	6,626	1,287	1,644	672	1,196	264
Victoria	7,077	2,655	3,178	839	1,666	706	596	173
Queensland	3,594	1,046	3,731	661	669	212	597	126
South Australia(c)	3,886	989	672	92	572	195	93	8
Western Australia	2,637	875	1,438	237	430	177	183	34
Tasmania	907	220	997	197	160	44	192	46
TOTAL :	28,145	9,401	16,642	3,313	5,141	2,006	2,857	651

(a) See footnote (a) to Table XIII. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 30th April, 1949, is shown in the following table:-

XV. SICKNESS : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH APRIL, 1949.
AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	654	13	667
Other Primary Production ..	162	-	162
Coal Mining ..	206	-	206
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	117	2	119
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (including Shipbuilding) ..	1,152	94	1,246
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	367	69	436
Textiles and articles of dress ..	337	449	786
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	499	110	609
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	353	11	364
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	716	167	883
Building and Construction ..	1,273	11	1,284
Transport and Communication ..	722	85	807
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	772	436	1,208
Finance and Property ..	48	40	88
Public Administration and Professional	251	464	715
Personal and Domestic Service ..	357	701	1,058
Other ..	12	5	17
TOTAL:	7,998	2,657	10,655

(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during April, 1949, and the ten months ended April, 1949, and of those on benefit at 30th April, 1949.

XVI. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING APRIL, 1949, AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1949 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admissions during -				On Benefit	
	April, 1949		Ten Months ended April, 1949		30th April, 1949	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	225	68	3,426	979	387	163
Cancer	44	8	283	52	81	22
Other Tumours	51	27	374	269	77	63
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	231	93	2,517	782	555	230
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	20	18	200	200	42	39
Nervous System and Sense Organs	428	186	4,036	1,617	825	399
Circulatory System	401	52	3,834	625	956	167
Respiratory System	482	88	4,692	996	721	183
Digestive System	1,142	305	10,135	2,791	1,529	400
Genito-urinary System	220	161	1,800	1,085	350	272
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc.	-	117	-	1,020	-	240
Skin and Cellular Tissue	246	54	2,421	513	347	84
Bones and Organs of Movement	126	36	1,157	344	216	91
Other Diseases (including ill-defined Conditions)	91	26	737	423	129	73
Injuries and Actue Poisoning -						
Fractures	543	49	4,655	491	1,194	137
Other Injuries, etc.	439	50	4,230	472	523	79
Operations (original disability not stated)	14	3	155	13	42	6
Other (including not stated)	9	7	134	42	24	9
TOTAL :	4,712	1,348	44,787	12,714	7,998	2,657

9. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the ten months ended April, 1949, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below:-

XVII. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1949.

STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percentage Rejects to total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W.(a)	5,790	3,734	25,114	3,541	6,652	331	37,556	7,606	20.25
Vic.	408	172	16,533	2,784	6,422	370	23,363	3,326	14.24
Q'ld.	13,058	5,355	11,007	1,975	500	164	24,565	7,494	30.51
S.A.(b)	2,969	2,874	6,771	1,132	250	126	9,990	4,132	41.36
W.A.	1,400	621	6,169	982	1,001	83	8,570	1,686	19.67
Tas.	115	21	2,682	361	154	36	2,951	418	14.16
TOTAL :	23,740	12,777	68,276	10,775	14,979	1,110	106,995	24,662	23.05

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory

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